

STATE: Virginia	
COUNTY: King William	
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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORMVLR-5/13/69 NRHP-11/12/69 NHL-11/11/71
(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME	
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AND/OR HISTORIC: Elsing Green	

2. LOCATION			
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CITY OR TOWN:			
STATE Virginia		CODE 45	COUNTY: King William
			CODE 101

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) _____	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____	

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY	
OWNER'S NAME Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rivers Lafferty, Jr.	
STREET AND NUMBER Elsing Green	
CITY OR TOWN: King William	STATE: Virginia
	CODE 45

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION	
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: King William County Court House	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN King William	STATE Virginia
	CODE 45
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3,000	

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS	
TITLE SURVEY: Historic American Buildings Survey	
DATE OF SURVEY: 11/4/69 Federal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>	
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Library of Congress	
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN: Washington, . . .	STATE: D. C.
	CODE 08

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)		(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/> Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The mansion at Elsing Green is a two-story structure built in the shape of a U. Its walls are laid in Flemish bond with random glazed headers both above and below the double moulded water table cap. Rubbed brick appears at the corners and around all the windows; gauged brickwork is found in the belt course, splayed flat arches over all the windows (said to be among the deepest in Virginia), and in the pedimented entrance surround. On the river front, the house is seven bays long, while each side elevation is five bays with a center door. The hipped roof and the modillion cornice have both been restored. Unfortunately the house burned in the early part of the nineteenth century, and little, if any, of the original woodwork survives. However the entire house was carefully restored in the 1930's, and properly designed eighteenth century-style woodwork was installed.

On the eastern side of the mansion is a story-and-a-half dependency, circa 1690, which was probably the earlier main house of the plantation. Balancing this dependency on the west is the much restored kitchen. A smoke house and dairy have been rebuilt on their old foundations and are symmetrically placed in the building complex. The scale and formality of this complex is accentuated on its river side by a series of terraces which lead to the Pamunkey River. While, on the land side, the mansion is approached on axis by a long avenue about a mile in length.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE				
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)				
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/>	
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi- <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture	
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>History</u>	
Art <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>		
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human- <input type="checkbox"/>		
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Italian <input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>		
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)				
<p>The land on which the mansion house was subsequently built was originally owned by Colonel William Dandridge, and is said to have been named for the village and parish of Elsing in Norfolk, England, the home of Colonel Dandridge. For many years the land was the home of William Burnett Brown who probably built the structure, <u>circa</u> 1690, which now serves as the east dependency of the main house. According to an inscribed plaque, the main house was built in 1758 by Carter Braxton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who was not pleased with the house after he occupied it, and later sold it.</p> <p>Architecturally, Elsing Green is a distinguished and unusual example of a Virginia mansion of the mid-eighteenth century; its U-shaped plan is unique for a home of its size, and the brickwork is of the highest colonial Virginia standards. In addition to being an important example of colonial architecture, Elsing Green has the further distinction of being associated with a signer of the Declaration of Independence.</p> <p>The excellent restoration of Elsing Green has greatly contributed to the preservation of its architectural integrity.</p>				

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Horner, F., The History of the Blair, Banister, and Braxton Families, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott Company, 1898.

O'Neal, William B., Architecture in Virginia, New York: Walker and Company, Inc., 1968

Waterman, Thomas Tileston, The Mansions of Virginia, 1706-1776, New York: Bonanza Books, 1945

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	37° 36' 08"	77° 03' 05"		37° 36' 08"	77° 03' 05"	
NE						
SE						
SW						

STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
NW	37° 37' 45"	77° 03' 49"	
NE	37° 37' 45"	77° 00' 49"	
SE	37° 35' 03"	77° 00' 49"	
SW	37° 35' 03"	77° 03' 49"	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Staff, Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission, James W. Moody, Jr., Director

ORGANIZATION:
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
9th Street State Office Building

CITY OR TOWN:
Richmond

STATE:
Virginia

CODE:
45

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☒ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE: United States Geological Survey 7½', quadrangle Tunstall			
SCALE: 1:24000			
DATE: 1949			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Virginia Chamber of Commerce			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1949			
NEGATIVE FILED AT: Virginia Chamber of Commerce Richmond, Virginia			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC. View from the Northeast			

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6. Historic American Buildings Survey Inventory,
1958
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C. Code: 08

Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission Report #50-22
1968
Virginia Historic Landmarks Commission
Room 1116, Ninth Street State Office Building
Richmond, Virginia Code: ~~760~~
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U.S.G.S. 7½' quadrangle (Scale: 1:24,000)
Tunstall, Va. (1949); King William, Va.
(1949)

Elsing Green

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